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Sir:

The applicants herein identify two documents which have been cited in a counterpart European application.

With respect to these citations, the applicants comment as follows.

WO-A1-00/24324 does not disclose attachment means at the basis of the anchoring element for attaching a denture or a dental bridge. It does not disclose a dental anchoring element for fixation in the os zygomaticum and in the maxilla. Instead, WO-A1-00/24324 is limited to a bone fixation screw 12 which is used to join parts of bone separated because of a fracture (see Figs. 15-17, and page 10, lines 5-12), and when the screw is in its final position in the parts of bone, there is essentially no non-bone tissue separating the parts of bones.

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EP-B1-0667134 discloses a bone implant for artificial hip joints or finger joints, and does not disclose a dental anchoring element for fixation in the os zygomaticum and in the maxilla to attach a denture or a dental bridge. It does not disclose attachment means at the basis of the anchoring element for attaching a denture or a dental bridge. The base attachment means of the bone implants which are disclosed in Figs. 5 and 6 of EP-B1-0667134 are unsuitable for attaching a denture or a dental bridge, and also make each bone implant unsuitable as a dental anchoring element.

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